

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) A compound, said compound being 2,6-nonadienamide, N-ethyl-, (2E,6Z).

18. (Previously presented) A method of enhancing the salty taste of a foodstuff or beverage, said method comprising the step of adding a salt enhancing level of the compound of claim 17.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the salt enhancing level is from about 100 parts per billion to about 100 parts per million by weight.

20. (Previously presented) A foodstuff, said foodstuff comprising the compound of claim 17.

21. (Previously presented) A process for augmenting, enhancing, or imparting a taste or somatosensory effect to a foodstuff or beverage, said process comprising the step of adding a taste or sensation augmenting, enhancing, or imparting level of the compound of claim 17.

22. (Previously presented) The process of claim 21, wherein the level is greater than about 50 parts per billion by weight.

23. (Previously presented) A beverage, said beverage comprising the compound of claim 17.